GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Educationhas asked the school authorities to evolve a fool-proof mechanism in order to check cases of Sexual Harassment in their schools;

(b) if so, the number of cases of sexual harassment that came to the notice of the Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have also issued some guidelines to schools in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): The CBSE has issued a circular to all schools affiliatedwith the Board, instructing them to comply with the guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgement delivered on 13.8.1997 for protection of women from sexual harassment at the work place. One case of sexual harassment was referred to the CBSE by the National Commission For Women vide their letter dated 6th July, 1999. The case is sub-judice.